

NEWSFORUM

CCA Conference information: The annual Canadian Communication Association conference will be held at the University of Windsor from Monday, June 6th, through Thursday, June 9th. The session coincides with the meeting of the Learned Societies of Canada, which runs from May 28 to June 11th. This is the first time that Windsor, Canada's southernmost university campus, has hosted the Learned.

Conference organizers Jim Winter (Windsor) and Luc Giroux (Montreal) have promised a "small is beautiful" theme, meaning that there will be a maximum of three papers per session, and the chair of each session will also act as discussant. Beyond these organizational innovations, the final details on speakers and programs will be available in the program, available from the CCA. (Richard Lewis, Dept. of Communication Studies, University of Windsor, Ontario H9B 3P4). The 1988 annual Southam lecture will be delivered by York University sociologist Thelma McCormack. McCormack is taking a global approach to her topic, which will be the Media and Peace.

As part of the *Windsor program*, the *Canadian Journal of Communication* will host its annual meeting on Monday, June 6th, from 5 to 7 p.m. The editor, assistant editor, and board members of the CJC will be present. Plan to attend if you can, as there are a number of significant decisions concerning the future of the CJC which will be discussed. (See editor's column in this issue for details.) This meeting would be an ideal opportunity to hand over papers for review, along with suggestions for future theme issues. Even if all you have to offer is criticism, please seek out the CJC at the conference.

On the festive side, the CJC will also host a *Wine and Cheese gathering* to celebrate the continued growth of our publication. Check the final program for location and date.

More Business: The CJC continues to need book reviewers. If you are interested, send your name, address, and area of specialization to CJC Book Review Editor Dr. Akira Ichikawa, Dept. of Political Science, University of Lethbridge, Alberta, T1K 3M4.

Calling All Contributors: There are a number of areas that the CJC would like to move into, but we can only do so with your help. The editor plans a theme issue on Computers from a Communications Perspective, and another on Reassessing Audience Research, for both of which contributors are sought.

On the Question of Sources: Here are a few that have arrived by mail, and may not be familiar to everyone out there in research land. The Canadian Research and Publication Centre (33 Racine, Farnham, Quebec J2N 3A3) publishes the Handbook

of Grants and Subsidies for Non-Profit Organizations....The Children's Broadcast Institute (234 Eglinton Ave. East #405, Toronto, Ontario M4P 1K5) recently published The Canadian Children's Film and Video Directory, 2nd edition.... The Canadian Association for Adult Education (29 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto, M5R 1B2) has published *Voices of Concern: The Future of Canadian Broadcasting*, reporting on a series of cross-country forums held to foster public response to the Caplan Sauvageau Task Force Report on Broadcasting. For those who are researching communications law, the Regulatory Reporter puts out a communications section, under the editorship of Claude Cyr (5th floor, 161 Laurier Ave., West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5J2). Published by the Canadian Law Information Council, the Regulatory Reporter's, Cyr is seeking manuscripts on issues in communications law.

Another note on sources: The Social Science Federation of Canada (151 Slater St., Ottawa, K1P 5H3) writes concerning Statistics Canada, that "reliable sources" have told the Federation that the university community will be offered a 70% reduction on StatsCan publications, with an announcement to this effect expected any time. This news would be especially welcome for researchers in government documents who have experienced a dramatic increase in the price on all StatsCan materials. Watch out for this announcement.

A note on who's where: For researchers in the field of developmental communications, take note that Francine Fournier (former political science professor at University of Montreal and UQUAM) has been appointed Secretary-General of the Canadian Commission for Unesco. The former head of the Quebec Human Rights Commission and the Quebec Council on the Status of Women took up her post in January, 1988.

Provocative Reading: Toronto freelance communications writer Joyce Nelson has written a thought-provoking book, entitled *The Perfect Machine: TV in the Nuclear Age* (Toronto: Between the Lines \$12.95). Anyone who teaches students to think about television should read this book, and consider introducing students to it. Another provocative book: *Publishing in a Global Village: A Role for the Small Press* by William M. Brinton (Mercury House, Inc. San Francisco, 1987) is a terrific introduction to desk top or electronic publishing. The normally dry page featuring copyright information is enlivened in this case with a witty disclaimer (affirmer?), indicating that "This is not a work of fiction." The author proceeds to list his primary literary influences, and to urge some of this reading material on the U.S. attorney general.

Marking the Passing: Three giants of Communications scholarship died leaving very different legacies. *Sean McBride*, whose UNESCO report contributed to the debate on a new world information order; *Wilbur Schramm*, most recently head of the

East-West Centre of Hawaii; and British author and theorist *Raymond Williams*. If any readers have personal recollections of these three men, the CJC would be pleased to publish a brief remembrance of times past in an upcoming issue.

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